CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	AFAMIL~1.txt
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1500676.002
Medium:	Computer Text File
Publisher:	Not applicable
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	20 October 2015
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	19 October 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer text file promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons and is deemed objectionable. It is a five-page narrative about an adult woman sexually abusing two of her daughters and is intended to be sexually arousing to the adult reader. The effect of the story is to encourage and legitimise a sexual interest in children and young persons and to give the impression that they are ready and available for adult forms of sexual contact.

The classification of this publication as objectionable interferes with the freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.